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SUBJ: INFORMATION ON ASSISTANCE TO SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN  
REFUGEES BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS

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1. MISSION HAS NOW RECEIVED LETTER FROM ICEM DIRECTOR  
THOMAS TO YOU DATED 19 AUGUST PROVIDING ICEM- GATHERED INFORMA-  
TION ABOVE SUBJECT. LETTER BEING FORWARDED AIR POUCH  
REGISTRY NUMBER 0985829, COPY BEING SENT INTERNATIONAL  
AIR MAIL EXPRESS. PRINCIPAL POINTS FOLLOW.

2. THOMAS POINTS OUT THAT FUNDS TO ASSIST REFUGEES  
ARE NOT ALWAYS ALLOCATED BY EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS TO  
MINISTRIES DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR REFUGEE AFFAIRS BUT  
OFTEN TO OTHER MINISTRIES AND OFFICES SUCH AS SOCIAL  
AFFAIRS, LABOR AND OTHERS, WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE  
ASSISTANCE FROM OVERALL BUDGET ALLOCATIONS. FREQUENTLY, AND  
AT PRESENT, MANY GOVERNMENTS, FOR INTERNAL POLITICAL  
REASONS DO NOT WISH TO PUBLICIZE FUNDING DIRECTED  
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TOWARD NON-NATIONALS. HE FURTHER POINTS OUT THE

DIFFICULTY OF BREAKING OUT COST FIGURES FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF NATIONALS. ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS AND PRESENT HOLIDAY PERIOD HAVE MADE IT DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN ALL DESIRED FIGURES. THOSE NOW AVAILABLE FOLLOW:

(A) AUSTRIA - 75 MILLION AUSTRIAN SHILLINGS (\$4,065,000) RECEIVED BY INTERIOR MINISTRY FOR 1975 FOR REFUGEES, AND EQUAL AMOUNT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR 1976. (NOTE: 1975 FIGURE IS AT VARIANCE WITH THAT PROVIDED REFTTEL, WHICH MISSION CONSIDERS CORRECT.) OF THIS SUM \$1.5 MILLION DIRECTED TOWARD "ADMINISTRATIVE COST" OF TRANSIT CENTERS, I.E., SUBSISTENCE, POCKET MONEY AND MEDICAL CARE, WITH SIMILAR SUM ESTIMATED FOR 1976. REMAINDER ALLOCATED FOR INTEGRATION OF ESTIMATED 500 REFUGEES FROM EASTERN EUROPE, 200 FROM VIETNAM, 300 FROM CHILE AND 100 KURDISH. SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ALLOCATIONS WILL BE MADE FOR ANY ADDITIONAL REFUGEES ADMITTED.

(B) BELGIUM

(1) SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS - 1975, \$750,000;  
1976, \$790,000

(2) PUBLIC RELIEF PAYMENTS - 1975, \$130,000;  
1976, \$140,000

(3) UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - 1975, \$2.5 MILLION;  
1976, \$3.7 MILLION

THESE FIGURES RELATE TO ASSISTANCE FOR FOLLOWING NUMBERS OF REFUGEES IN 1975: EASTERN EUROPE, 600; INDOCHINA, 180; CHILE, 200; AFRICANS AND OTHERS, 100. SIMILAR NUMBERS EXPECTED FOR 1976.

(C) GERMANY- NO DETAILED FIGURES YET AVAILABLE, BUT ICEM EXPECTS PROVIDE DURING FIRST HALF SEPTEMBER. PRELIMINARILY, HOWEVER, IT IS KNOWN THAT GERMANY INTEGRATES SOME 2,000 "NON-ETHNIC" REFUGEES FROM EASTERN EUROPE ANNUALLY AT COST OF \$5 MILLION, IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING RESIDENCE STATUS AND ASSISTANCE FINANCIALLY TO INCREASING NUMBERS OF REFUGEES FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFRICA AND ASIA, MANY OF WHOM ARRIVE FROM EASTERN EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES AND HAVE BEEN UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO COMPLETE STUDIES OR RETURN TO HOME COUNTRIES. FRG 1976 BUDGET FORESEES INTEGRATION OF 40,000 "GERMAN-ETHNIC" REFUGEES (PRESUMABLY ALL FROM EASTERN EUROPE) AT PER CAPITA COST OF \$6,000.

(D) GREECE - ONLY INFORMATION AVAILABLE CONCERNS LAVRION CAMP FOR WHICH 1,8 MILLION DRACHMAS (\$50,000)

WERE EXPENDED IN 1975, AND 4 MILLION DRACHMAS (\$110,500) REQUESTED IN 1976.

(E) ITALY - 1.8 BILLION LIRA (\$2.2 MILLION) EXPENDED ON EASTERN EUROPEAN REFUGEES IN 1975, AND 2 BILLION LIRA (\$2.4 MILLION) ESTIMATED FOR 1976. FIGURES INCLUDE ADMINISTRATION OF REFUGEE CENTERS, CARE AND MAINTENANCE, CLOTHING, MEDICAL AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE. IN 1975, 83 EASTERN EUROPEAN REFUGEES WERE RESETTLED IN ITALY. IN ADDITION TO FOREGOING, ITALY MADE SPECIAL ALLOCATION OF 350 MILLION LIRA (\$422,000) IN 1975 \*94 :#8)3-, 43\*7&33 , AND ESTIMATES IT WILL EXPEND 7 MILLION LIRA (\$85,000) IN 1976 FOR SAME PURPOSE.

3. ANNEXED TO LETTER ARE LENGTHY TABLES LISTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO ICEM FOR MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, AND ICEM CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNHCR.CATTO

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